

Chair Boyle called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with Commissioners Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson, and Landis present and Commissioner Vap excused.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Notice was duly published April 8, 2003, on Page 7 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held April 15, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

FC-1303 In the Matter of Margaret Jacobsen, Papillion, vs. McLeod-USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, alleging excessive fees: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the formal complaint was dismissed.

FC-1310 In the Matter of ALLTEL Communications of the Midwest, Inc., Little Rock, Arkansas, vs. Qwest Corporation, regarding DS1 circuit pricing: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, an order was entered granting Qwest's Motion to Dismiss.

FC-1312 In the Matter of Michael J. Haller, Jr., Omaha, vs. Qwest, alleging unsatisfactory business practices: Gene Hand informed the Commission that an answer to the formal complaint was received April 11, 2003. Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the staff was directed to contact Mr. Haller to discuss Qwest's answer and report further to the Commission.

C-2738/
PI-58 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to conduct an investigation into rates, terms and conditions for wireless terminating traffic: Chris Post discussed an amended motion for clarification filed by Nebraska Independent Telephone Association.

C-2846 In the Matter of the Petition from residents of the Creston exchange, served by Qwest Corporation, requesting extended area service (EAS) to the Columbus exchange, served by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, proposed rates were approved and a community meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. CDT at the Fire Hall in Creston.

C-2861/
DC-62 In the Matter of the Complaint of Maurice Gene Hand, Director, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Communications Department, Complainant, vs. Advantage Telecommunications, Corp., of Maitland, Florida, Defendant: Chris Post discussed the staff investigation of the issues in this complaint.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-2894 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C., Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an amendment to the interconnection agreement previously approved in Application C-2257: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the amendment was approved.

C-2895 In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, and Three River Communications, LLC, Lynch, seeking approval of the statement of generally available terms and conditions for interconnection, unbundled network elements, ancillary services, and resale of telecommunications services: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, the agreement was approved.

C-2896 In the Matter of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Mound, Minnesota, and WWC License, L.L.C., Bellevue, Washington, seeking approval of an interconnection and traffic interchange agreement for cellular and other two-way mobile radio services: Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, an agreement was approved.

Gene Hand discussed a letter received from Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Long Distance, for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to partially discontinue Casual Calling Service.

Gene Hand discussed the status of Long Term PID Administration and hiring of a facilitator.

Gene Hand informed the Commission that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Committee on Telecommunications is reviewing Proposed Model Answer Time Standards for Call Centers.

Gene Hand informed the Commission that Dixie Ziegler, Hamilton Telephone Company, and a member of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, was named to the Federal Communication Commission's Advisory Committee.

Gene Hand discussed the following statement found on bills rendered by Ionex Telecommunications, Inc.: "Ionex Telecom is the only carrier in our territory that is debt free and has never filed for bankruptcy!" Chris Post reported on the staff investigation.

Gene Hand informed the Commission that a response was sent April 9, 2003, to a letter received from United Church of Christ regarding WorldCom.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Engineering Division

E-1985 In the Matter of Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus,
E-1990 seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain elec-
E-1991 tric transmission lines in Scotts Bluff, Lincoln and
 Frontier Counties: Upon agreement of all Commissioners
present, the applications were granted.

E-1989 In the Matter of Northwest Rural Public Power District, Hay
 Springs, seeking authority to construct, operate and main-
tain an electric transmission line in Dawes County: Upon agreement of
all Commissioners present, the application was granted.

E-1992 In the Matter of Norris Public Power District, Beatrice,
 seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an
electric transmission line in Lancaster County: Upon agreement of all
Commissioners present, the application was granted.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Jeff Pursley discussed the correspondence that had been
sent to the NUSF Advisory Board members on April 7, 2003.

Jeff Pursley discussed the receipt of the independent
accountant's audit for Touch America.

NUSF-7.1 In the Matter of Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company,
 D/b/a Mainstay Communications, seeking a waiver for addi-
tional Nebraska Universal Service Funding: Jeff Pursley informed the
Commission that Henderson requested a portion of the Commission
approved grant for future investment.

Commissioner Boyle discussed criteria used in other states
in designating Eligible Telecommunication Carriers (ETC).

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Laura Davenport reported on LB 532.

Andy Pollock reported on the gas bill. Commissioner Boyle
reported on Senator Smith's "Do Not Call" bill.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

M-14107 In the Matter of TTEMM, Inc., dba Two Men and a Truck/
Supp. 4 Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska
 Intrastate commerce in the transportation of household goods
over irregular routes by straight trucks within the state of Nebraska:
The hearing previously set for April 17, 2003, was canceled and the
application was set for modified procedure on May 6, 2003.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Rate Division

MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska
Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to
establish a fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Household Goods Tariff
7-E: The fuel surcharge was retained at 16 cents per mile, and the
taxi surcharge was retained at 20 cents per trip.

Commissioner Landis inquired into the status of old
dockets.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Upon agreement of all Commissioners present, Commission
minutes for the month of March, 2003, were approved.

Upon agreement all all Commissioners present, authorization
was granted for Tim Sandusky to attend the WIPP Meetings of the
Western Governors Association (WGA) Conference to be held in Portland,
Oregon, from May 28-30, 2003, with all expenses to be paid by WGA.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with Commissioners
Boyle, Lowell Johnson, Rod Johnson and Landis present and Commis-
sioners Vap excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be
held on April 22, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available
in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on April 21,
2003.

Chair

Executive Director